setting up industries in Tripura are entitled to various incentives and concessions which are admissible to industrially backward areas.

Transport Subsidy at the rate of 90 per cent is allowed on movement of Raw Materials/Finished Goods from Siliguri Rail Head to the Industrial Units located in any part of North Eastern Region and *vice versa*. 75 per cent Transport Subsidy is also available on Transport of electronic components/products by air to and from Calcutta upto the airport nearest to the location of the industrial unit and thereafter @ 90 per cent on the movement of goods transported by rail/road upto the location of the industrial unit and vice-versa. Transport Subsidy is also allowed on movement of raw materials by road from one State to another within the North Eastern Region, if no rail link is available between the two locations. Transport Subsidy is also available @ 50 per cent on the transport costs incurred on the movement of 'Finished Goods' from one State to another within the North Eastern Region.

Continuation of Backward Area Development Programme

1164. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Backward Area Development Programme as announced, is now being extended on ad-hoc basis for few months at a time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Backward Area Development Programme comprises several important features such as income-tax incentives, concessional finance, priority in licensing and capital incentive subsidy. The scheme has been continued without interruption but only capital incentive subsidy scheme which is currently under review has been extended from time to time.

West Dinajpur District as 'A' category backward district

1165. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare West Dinajpur District of West Bengal as 'A category backward district; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. It has been declared as Category 'C' District.

(b) Does not arise.

Power shortage in the States

1166. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which are facing acute shortage of power at present;

(b) what is the demand of power and generation available to each State;